

## HOT GAME WON BY I. A. C.

Defeated Barre Independents,  
34 to 33

## THE BEST GAME OF SEASON

At the End of the Three Regular Periods  
the Game Was Tied and They  
Played Until Scampini Dropped  
in a Basket.

The Italian Athletic club five and the Barre Independents met at the Granite street hall Saturday afternoon and played one of the most hotly contested games of basketball seen in the city this season. The game was scheduled to go three 15-minute periods, but at the end of the third period the score was tied, each team having 33 points to its credit and it was agreed to play until one side scored a basket. Scampini made the lucky pass for his team and the Italians took the game by a margin of two points.

Both teams got busy in the first period and shot after shot was caged without much advantage to either side, although the period ended 16 to 15 in favor of the Italian A. C. During this period the play was rough and the referee was obliged to call four several times. In the second period the Independents outplayed the Italians and scored a total of 13 points to the former team's eight.

In the final period the Italians scored nine points to the Independents' five, tying the score.

It was then agreed to extend the time until one side caged the ball from the floor. The Independents seemed to have the advantage, with the ball at their end of the hall, but finally a lucky pass to Scampini, who was waiting near the opposite goal, ended the game.

The lineup:

Italian A. C. Barre Independents.  
Scampini, I. f. . . . . r. g. Carwell  
H. Calagani, r. f. . . . . l. g. Sector  
Nicola, c. . . . . g. Grigg  
Comelli, l. g. . . . . r. f. Cummings  
F. Calagani, r. g. . . . . l. f. Malden  
Summary: baskets from the floor, Scampini 8, H. Calagani 3, Nicola 2, F. Calagani, Carwell 3, Grigg 2, Cummings 5, Malden 3, from fouls, Scampini 7, Grigg 7, referee, Mercer, umpire, Phil; scorer, Osola; time, three 15-minute periods.

## GEORGETOWN'S BRIGHT OUTLOOK

Eleven Veterans Will Be Available For  
Baseball Nine.

Seldom has Georgetown university had such excellent baseball prospects. At the start the squad will have 11 men who have won their "G's" on the diamond, and three of the number are pitchers. Diamond, the youth who gave such fine service by his work on the slab last spring, has left Georgetown to enter Princeton, and should prove a good member of the crack 1910, Davine, Cantwell and Montgomery, veterans, will be Georgetown's pitching staff next season. There is nothing very startling about any one of this trio, but they have been improving continually and have had enough experience to fit them for the team. O'Connor is another pitcher of whom much is expected. In the infield, McDonald, the best college first baseman in the game last season, will be out again. Mayrock will again be at second base, Brown at third, and Moss at shortstop. Duffy and Elenor, veterans, will do the catching. Sutherland, who caught for the "prep" nine last season, will also be available.

Capt. Courtney will be back in left field, Smith, rated as a hitter, will be in center. Right field is open. There are some clever new men in college who may displace some of the regulars. Among them are McKenna and Sullivan, who were members of the crack Notre Dame nine last year. A stiff schedule has been arranged.

## ALL-AMERICAN TEAM.

As Arranged by Walter Camp of Yale  
Fame.

Walter Camp announces his All-America football team in the current number of Collier's Weekly, naming Scarlett of Pennsylvania and Schillmiller of Dartmouth for ends; Fish of Harvard and Horv of Syracuse for tackles; Gochel of Yale and Tobin of Dartmouth for guards; Nourse of Harvard for center; Steffen of Chicago for quarter; Tibbott of Princeton and Hollenbach of Pennsylvania for halfbacks and Coy of Yale for fullback. Seven men of this team are the men chosen for the same positions by the Monitor, the four instances in which Mr. Camp differs from this paper being those of Scarlett, Gochel, Horv and Steffen, given the places respectively awarded by the Monitor to Kennedy of Dartmouth, Andrus of Yale, Siegling of Princeton and Ballenti of Carleton. Andrus and Siegling, Mr. Camp places on his second team. The Monitor gave special mention to all of Mr. Camp's favorites except Steffen, and this paper made no effort to class the players or the teams of the Middle West. Mr. Camp this year has given Dartmouth recognition such as the New Hampshire college never had before in a review of the season by the father of American football. Besides the premier honors awarded Tobin and Schillmiller, he selects Brown for center on his third eleven and warmly praises Kennedy, Rich, Pishon, Hawley, Ingersoll and Marks. It looks very much as if Dartmouth had won a really permanent place among the really great football teams of the country.

## 15 Cadets Are Dropped from West Point

Highland Falls, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Sixteen cadets were dismissed Saturday from the United States military academy at West Point and sent home. Two belonged to the first class, six to the third and eight to the fourth. Nine were deficient in discipline, including the two first class men, and the others failed in mathematics.

## Dyspeptics

Summary of the Losses Sustained During 1908.

Death has thinned the ranks of distinguished men and women to an unusual extent in the year now near its close. In most of the countries of the world it has invaded high places, and our own occupies a conspicuous place among them in this respect.

Among those who have been associated with the politics and diplomacy of the United States have been ex-President Cleveland, Senators Proctor of Vermont, Allison of Iowa, Whyte of Maryland and Carmack of Tennessee. In this general classification may be included Governor Sparks of Nevada and ex-Governors Miller of North Dakota, Murphy of Arizona and Budd of California. The navy has suffered to the extent of twelve rear admirals, and the army to a less degree.

The mortality in the church or among the leaders of various denominations has been great. It has taken four bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church, including Bishops Potter and Satterlee; four Roman Catholic bishops, and Rev. Morgan Dix and Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, who, though wearing lower titles, were hardly of less distinction. Education has lost Dr. Daniel Coit Gilman, ex-President Henry Hopkins and a number of well known professors, perhaps foremost in prominence being Charles Elliot Norton. Journalism has not been exempt. It counts among its losses Charles Emory Smith, Murat Halstead, Crosby S. Noyes, William A. Alden and Samuel E. Moffett. Literature contributes a conspicuous mortality list, including the names of Joel Chandler Harris, Edmund C. Stedman, Algisworth R. Spofford, John Churton Collins, Louise Chandler Moulton, James Jeffrey Roche, J. R. Randall, author of "Maryland, My Maryland," and now Dr. Marvel.

A wider review takes in not a few world figures. The deaths near together of the emperor of China and the dowager empress are of recent occurrence, and the tragic taking off of King Carlos of Portugal and the crown prince cannot have passed from the public memory, although it may be forgotten that six princes, four dukes, including those of Devonshire and Harcourt, the earls of Derby and of Rose, the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia and the Duchess Elizabeth of Brunswick have passed on. The youngest in this class was Prince Stephen of Montenegro, five years of age. Among the noted writers besides those mentioned have been Harriet Hosmer, "Ouida" and Mrs. William Astor.

The roll of the distinguished dead contains nearly three hundred names. England has lost two of her most honored statesmen, the Duke of Devonshire and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. France mourns Victorien Sardou and Henri Becquerel, the discoverer of the "rays." Denmark is the poorer by the death of Hoyer Darchmann, the "Burns of Scandinavia," and Norway has been bereft of Jonas Lie, poet, dramatist and novelist. All the great interests of our complex civilization have suffered by the taking off of conspicuous representatives. Each country has lost a gem from its crown, and the world has lost a distinguished citizen. Yet the world moves on as though nothing had happened, and this is the fortunate law of human progress.—Boston Transcript.

## NEW BAY STATE TAX LAWS.

Bring to Light Some \$30,000,000 of  
Property That Has Escaped Taxation

Boston, Dec. 28.—As a result of the efforts of local assessors working in conjunction with the state tax commissioner approximately \$30,000,000 of personal property which has heretofore escaped has this year been "discovered" and placed in the valuation lists. Of the 354 cities and towns 210 have thus far been heard from and these show a total increase of \$26,485,236, but as several cities, including Boston, are among those which have not yet made returns there is no doubt that the figures will be more than \$30,000,000.

The property which is thus brought into the valuation lists is wholly personal, consisting largely of shares of stock in business corporations, and has been discovered largely through the workings of the law passed at the last session of the legislature, requiring the state tax commissioner to place at the disposal of local assessors such information as he may secure through the inheritance tax law.

The law creating supervisors of assessors has also proved helpful, as these new officials have a roving commission under which they go all over the commonwealth, assisting local assessors. They also have authority to examine records in registries of deeds, probate courts, etc. And such information as they gather through these sources is also placed at the disposal of local assessors.

In Boston the assessors have not yet finished their work of looking up the property, but already it is understood that more than \$2,000,000 worth of property has been found and added to the valuation list.

## DEWEY 71 YEARS OLD.

Hero of Manila Has Birthday and  
Scientist at the Same Time.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Admiral George Dewey, hero of Manila Bay and ranking officer in the United States navy, is celebrating his seventy-first birthday Saturday, more than ten years after the exploit which made him world famous.

Scientific of mind, the aged admiral is not enjoying the best of health, having suffered for the past six weeks with a bad attack of sciatica. He, therefore, spent the day at his home, many of his intimate friends calling to pay their respects and to tender their congratulations.

## JURYMEN CONDONE SLAYING.

Nine For Acquittal of Beach Hargis,  
Who Killed Father.

Irvine, Ky., Dec. 28.—The jury in the case of Beach Hargis, charged with the murder of his father, Judge James Hargis, this afternoon reported inability to agree and was discharged.

## A WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT

President Cannot Pardon  
Gompers Yet

## HIS ANSWER TO APPEALS

Cannot Interfere While Matter Is Before  
the Courts on Appeal—If Appeal Is  
Abandoned, Will Give the Case  
Careful Consideration.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Secretary Loeb Saturday made public the following statement from the executive office:

"Various appeals have been made to the president to interfere by pardon in the case of Mr. Gompers and his associates. Those making the appeals are unaware of the fact that the matter is still before the courts. It is a civil suit between private parties and there has been no interference by the government, which would have interfered even if it had desired to do so.

"Whether the president does or does not think the sentence of Mr. Gompers and his associates excessive is not at present of consequence, because he cannot take any action or express any opinion while the case is pending before the courts. When final decision is made then the president can, properly consider whether the terms of imprisonment are excessive or improper. But it is of course impossible for the president to act while an appeal is pending, for he has nothing whatever to act about. The courts must finish with the case first, and the defendants are at the present moment at liberty on bail.

"If the defendants see fit to abandon their appeal, the matter will then of course be at once brought before the executive, in which case it will receive immediate and most careful consideration. But the defendants have a perfect right to prosecute their appeal, and if unsuccessful in final court then to ask for pardon or commutation. But as long as they are prosecuting an appeal, the president has nothing to do with the matter.

"The president has already instructed the department of justice to keep him fully informed as to the progress of the case, so that in the event of its becoming favorable to him to act he may already have at his disposal all the facts which will enable him to decide whether there was justification for the sentence, and whether if there was justification for some punishment the sentence is or is not altogether too severe. But at present the president has no more to do with the case than the case of the \$20,000,000 fine imposed by Judge Landis on the Standard Oil company, which is also on appeal and concerning which the president has also been repeatedly asked to interfere by well meaning persons who did not know that he could not interfere while the matter was still before the courts on appeal."

## CALLED DOWN BY CARTELVOU.

Surveyor of Port of Boston to Lose His  
Job Because of Political Activity.

Boston, Dec. 28.—When Jeremiah J. McCarthy, surveyor of the port, opened his mail Saturday morning one letter made his eyes look large. It bore the signature of George B. Cortelyou, secretary of the treasury, and called for the resignation of Mr. McCarthy from the Republican city committee. It is understood further that this resignation is not to be received by the president. The letter is understood to carry the implication that if the surveyor does not care to offer the kind of resignation the secretary of the treasury commands another kind of resignation will be requested.

This will call upon him to surrender his job of surveyor of the port, which now yields McCarthy an income of \$52,000 a year.

The letter is said to be unusually caustic. It says the secretary's attention has been called to the surveyor's participation in Boston city politics and to the boast of his friends that the surveyor has had a tip from Washington that he would be interfered with in his political activities. The answer of the secretary is that in this the surveyor is entirely mistaken.

Those who know say Surveyor McCarthy is reported for venturing to aspire to the presidency of the city committee and the inappropriateness of such aspirations while surveyor of the port is pointed out to him.

## TO LIFE QUARANTINE.

Smallpox Epidemic at Brattleboro Over  
and Schools Closed To-day.

Brattleboro, Dec. 28.—The smallpox quarantine at Brattleboro was lifted to-day, when the schools will be reopened to all pupils who have complied with the vaccination law passed by the legislature. This law requires that every pupil enrolled in the schools shall be vaccinated. The decision to lift the quarantine was made Saturday at a special session of the board of health and the selection.

The epidemic broke out Nov. 1. There are now only four smallpox patients in Brattleboro out of more than 100 cases reported.

No public meetings or entertainments have been held since Nov. 11. On Tuesday evening, however, there will be a public assembly.

Pupils in the schools have lost 20 school days, and sessions will be held Saturdays until that time is made up. The public library will also be reopened Monday. In the country only one case remains of 39 reported.

## MUTINY DROWNED OUT.

Firemen Deal With Convicts in Italian  
Prison After Soldiers Fail.

Rome, Dec. 28.—A serious mutiny broke out last evening at the Udine prison. The convicts smashed the furniture and attempted to escape.

The soldiers were unable to quell the mutiny, which assumed alarming proportions. The governor summoned the fire brigade, which flooded the prison with water and ended the trouble.

## BURTON SAYS HE WILL BE OHIO'S SENATOR

"I Have the Votes If I Can Keep Them,  
and I Think I Can," He Declared.

Toledo, Dec. 28.—"The senatorial outlook is good. My chances are good and I have the votes, if I can keep them, and I think I can," was the statement of Congressman Theodore Burton of Cleveland on his arrival here to speak Saturday night before the Wholesale Merchants and Manufacturers boards of the Toledo Chamber of Commerce, at the Hotel Secor.

At midnight Mr. Burton left Toledo for Columbus, where he will remain during the last few days of the contest, which will be decided soon after the Ohio legislature meets January 11. His address at the banquet was free from politics, but a reference to political bosses in view of the charges of bossism being made in the senatorial campaign, was received with interest. This was it:

"The boss is a repulsive figure in our political life, but no boss could hold sway for a year without the indifference of a large body of citizens or without the co-operation of large business or other interests which desire to avoid the complexity of dealing with boards of aldermen, legislative bodies and executives. It is their great wish to deal with single individuals who dictate the action of the different agencies of the government. In return these supporters of the bosses are willing to give great largesses in the way of campaign contributions and bring to the support of any party large numbers of voters. This does not mean, however, that any party organization should shape the policies of a political party or dictate to executive or legislative what he shall do.

"The crying evil of our times, said Mr. Burton, is in the indifference of the great mass of intelligent and patriotic voters.

## 5 BURNED IN WAR OF STRIKERS

Death Roll of Kentucky Miners' Fight  
Still Growing.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 28.—Excitement was intense Saturday at Stearns, Whitley county, where two fights occurred yesterday between deputy United States marshals and miners connected with the strikers there.

The posse which was expected to go into the mountains last night to search for the missing and wounded did not go.

Officer Ryan, who became separated from his companions during the fight yesterday, is still wandering in the mountains, if not already captured and put to death by the infuriated strikers.

Berry Simpson, who owned the hotel in which the fight occurred and which building was burned, escaped into the mountains and is being protected there, it is thought, by his friends. He is alleged to have been the leader of the strikers.

It is believed that at least five men were burned to death in the hotel, as the miners who were in the building when the blaze and fighting began were very slow in getting out. A search of the debris is in progress.

The men killed yesterday were Officer Mullins and Miner Richard Ross. Ten miners are believed to have been wounded.

Governor Wilson ordered the Somerset company of militia, under Captain Henry Wardell, to proceed to Stearns on a special train this afternoon to take charge of affairs. The troops were accompanied by United States Marshal Stephen G. Sharp and 10 picked deputies, who will co-operate with the state troops.

## MAYOR'S ORDER IS SUSPENDED.

New York Supreme Court Issues Injunction  
in Favor of Picture Shows.

New York, Dec. 28.—Practically every moving picture show in Greater New York, closed by Mayor McClellan's order of Christmas eve, reopened their doors under a writ of injunction granted by Supreme Court Justice Gaynor to the William Fox Amusement company suspending in its case the Mayor's license revocation decree.

Mayor McClellan and Police Commissioner Bingham were given until today, under the terms of the writ, to show why the temporary injunction should not be made permanent.

Another phase of the Sunday amusement question came up Saturday, when Police Commissioner Bingham summoned the proprietors of vaudeville houses before him and read an opinion of the corporation court, which forbids the Sunday amusement law.

The corporation counsel said that Sunday performances might comprise concerts, lectures, recitations and moving pictures, illustrating lectures of an instructive or educational character, but operas, plays, theatrical sketches, vaudeville, dancing, etc., are prohibited.

Representatives of the theatrical managers said last night that they thought the police would be liberal in their interpretation of the law.

## NIGHT RIDERS MAY CONFESS.

Reelfoot Lake Gang Faces Breakup in  
Court.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 28.—That the prosecution is satisfied with the evidence presented against the alleged leaders of the "Night Riders" clan of Reelfoot Lake, now in progress, is indicated by today's developments.

Yesterday it was reported that three more men under arrest, charged with being members of the band, had expressed their willingness to turn state's evidence should the indictments against them be quashed. Today, however, it is declared, at a conference of the prosecuting attorneys and friends of the men, the state's attorneys refused to accept the confessions under the provisions named.

## IS PRESIDENT GOMEZ NOW

Is Given Recognition in Venezuela

## BLOODLESS REVOLUTION

The New Chief Executive Changes Many  
of the Policies of the Government  
—A Message from Castro  
Ridiculed.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 28.—The presidency of Juan Vicente Gomez has been recognized by the country at large, officially and unofficially.

Thus Venezuela is through with one of the most popular revolutions in the annals of the republic, in which not one drop of blood has been shed.

The authority of President Gomez is accepted as supreme. Even General Celestino Castro, brother of the former president, who was chief of the department of Tachira, has turned over to the new military commander of that district all the arms and ammunition in his possession. This property amounts to 6,000 rifles and 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition.

Celestino Castro's acceptance of the new regime is regarded as final and conclusive evidence that his brother is no longer a factor in the present situation.

President Gomez is showing in many ways his desire to propitiate all interests, to promote business both local and foreign, and to improve foreign relations.

Jose de J. Paul, who was minister of foreign affairs in the Castro cabinet, received two days ago a dispatch from Cipriano Castro at Berlin, reading as follows:

"Declare the Dutch warships pirates. Suspend the payment to the powers of the Washington protocols. I am forwarding you a solution of the difficulty."

This communication has been received here with ridicule.

## MATTIS WAS A "COME-ON."

French President's Assault Victim of a  
Fake Matrimonial Advertisement.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The entire press of Paris, with the exception of such reactionary newspapers as La Libre Parole, and L'Action Francaise, consider the attack made Friday in the streets of Paris on President Fallieres by an unemployed waiter named Mattis a fantastic act with no political importance. Mattis approached the president while he was taking his regular morning walk and threw his arms about his neck in an effort to seize his beard. The president was not hurt and Mattis was arrested.

If the cause of the Bourbons and the Bonapartes were not as dead as a doornail, such public exhibitions of impotent fury would completely discredit them. The mental collapse of Mattis is illustrated by the fact that he was victimized a few weeks ago by a matrimonial advertisement. He gave up his entire savings, \$1,200, under the impression that he was about to marry a woman of great wealth.

The Mattis incident was discussed at Sunday's meeting of the cabinet, and it was decided by "energetic action" to prevent the recurrence of similar outrages.

## GRISCOM MAY RETIRE.

Report in Rome That American Ambassador  
Is to Leave.

Rome, Dec. 28.—The fact that the American ambassador, Lloyd C. Griscom, has given up the lease of the Del Drago palace, where he has made his residence since coming to Rome, has given rise to various reports with regard to the ambassador's future intentions. Among these reports is one to the effect that the United States government has purchased the palace for the use of the embassy, another is that Mr. Griscom will seek new quarters in which to reside.

Inquiry at the foreign office and among attaches of the court, however, indicates that it is the ambassador's intention to retire from the diplomatic service. It is stated on good authority that he already forwarded to Washington his resignation, in which he declines to take office abroad after the retirement of President Roosevelt.

It is understood that Mr. Griscom has informed King Victor Emmanuel and the minister of foreign affairs, Sign. Tittoni, of his decision. Both expressed deepest regret at his departure.

Mr. Griscom is known to be a close friend of the president-elect. When questioned Saturday night with regard to his reported resignation, Mr. Griscom refused to reply directly, but he did not deny the report.

## DEAD HAND STEERS MACHINE.

Heart Stroke Kills Manufacturer in His  
Machine.

New York, Dec. 28.—While riding alone in his automobile near Spring Valley, N. Y., Saturday, Hiram B. Berry of Warwick, a wealthy manufacturer and formerly an officer of the Morton Trust company of this city, died of heart disease. He was found dead on the seat of the machine, which had run into a ditch when his hand fell from the steering wheel.

The fatality occurred as the car was climbing a steep grade. It is believed that Mr. Berry, who was subject to heart trouble, had over-exerted himself working the car up to top speed before reaching the hill and was stricken half way up it. He turned the power off and the machine with no hand to guide it, went into the ditch.

His body was found shortly afterward by Michael M. Kane, a lawyer, who was traveling from Tarrytown to Warwick with him in another automobile. Mr. Berry was 63 years old.

## NEVADA'S METALLIC WEALTH.

Production of Gold, Silver, Copper, Lead,  
and Zinc.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The mines of Nevada produced in 1907 gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc to a total value of \$17,591,496, according to a report by Charles G. Yale, just issued by the United States Geological Survey as part of an advance chapter from "Mineral Resources of the United States, Calendar Year 1907."

The yield of gold alone was \$85,311.14 fine ounces, valued at \$12,099,456, and the value of the silver, at the average commercial price for the year, was \$4,678,178. The combined value of the gold and silver was \$16,777,634, an increase over that of 1906 of \$1,767,619. Less than \$1,000,000 of the state total came from the combined value of the copper, lead and zinc.

## Increase in Output.

There was an increase in tonnage of all kinds of ore mined. Out of a total of 723,881 tons, 628,201 tons were siliceous ore, of which Nye county produced 241,677 tons and Tonopah 214,357 tons. The average value per ton of siliceous ore in gold and silver was \$25; of copper ore, \$25.81; and the average value per ton of all kinds of ore was \$23.10.

During 1907 the gold and silver mills treated 436,779 tons of ore, from which were saved \$2,785,634 in gold, or an average per ton of \$6.38, and \$1,400,039 in silver, or an average per ton of \$3.20; a total value in gold and silver of \$4,185,673 and an average per ton of \$9.58.

From 436,779 tons treated at gold and silver mills and from 16,549 tons of copper, lead and zinc ore sent to concentration mills, a total to both classes of mills of 453,328 tons, 11,708 tons of concentrates were produced, valued at \$445,642 in gold, or an average per ton of \$38.08, and at \$739,224 in silver, or an average per ton of \$63.17, a total in gold and silver of \$1,184,866, and an average of \$101.25 per ton.

As compared with the statistics for 1906, the figures for 1907 show an increase for the five metals of \$1,876,845. The records show production from 220 mines in 1907, of which 216 were deep, as compared with 154 mines in 1906, of which 142 were deep.

## Progress of the Mining Industry.

In his review of the progress of the mining industry in Nevada in 1907, Mr. Yale makes the following statement:

"There is a marked diminution of ore shipping in several important districts, where mines with large outputs now have their own reduction plants."

"The average value of all kinds of ore mined in Nevada was very high, though lower than it was in 1906. The gradual elimination of the leasing system in some of the great mines of Goldfield and other camps caused the decrease, as these leases took out the best available ore only and the companies mine more systematically and take the ore as it comes. In many camps, however, the lessees still continue to work, and in some of the camps they are doing almost the entire work."

There is an evident desire at Goldfield and in other districts to do the high-pressure conditions of recent years and to reduced costs. In some large productive properties, foremen and underground miners are being brought in from other districts, where they have become accustomed to the economies involved in the mining of low-grade ore, in which there is only a small profit. In milling, also, careful study is being made by experts to accomplish high extraction at low costs and with little waste.

"The metallurgists at the 20-stamp mill of the Goldfield Consolidated Mines company have made some remarkably successful practical experiments in treating sulphides by cyanide at a greatly reduced cost. As last, by September, 1908, the results accomplished were so successful as to obviate, probably, the necessity of shipping sulphide ores to smelters, as each mine can treat its own ore for less than the usual freight cost alone. The process employed is chemical, no mechanical appliances being necessary, and the plant is very inexpensive."

## Christmas Trees All Right.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The nation's forests this year supplied 4,000,000 Christmas trees, the forestry service estimating that one out of every four families observed the tree custom at Yuletide. Gifford Pinchot, United States forester, upholds the Christmas tree custom and believes it should be maintained.

"The number of trees cut this year," he said, "is insignificant when compared with the consumption for other purposes for which timber is demanded. This clearing of an area equal to a good-sized farm should not be the subject of much worry when it is remembered that for lumber alone it is necessary to take timber from an area of more than 100,000 acres every day of the year."

It is true that there has been serious damage to forest growth in the cutting of Christmas trees in various sections of the country, particularly in the Adirondacks and parts of New England, but through these sections the damage in cutting young evergreens for use at Christmas is infinitesimal when compared with the loss of forest resources through fires and careless methods of lumbering. Germany has the highest developed system of forest management in the world, although its per capita use of Christmas trees is greatest. In this country the foresters predict that the Christmas tree business will become a recognized industry, and that as much attention will be given it as is now devoted to growing of crops of timber for other uses. It is stated that only conservation of the timber which remains and a carefully planned system of reforestation will meet the demand for 40 billion feet of lumber and the millions of little trees used each year.

## HAD NO ASSETS.

St. Albans Man, a Brakeman, Files  
Petition in Bankruptcy.

Rutland, Dec. 28.—Benjamin F. Bennett of St. Albans, a brakeman, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the office of F. S. Platt, clerk of the United States court. He has liabilities of \$257 and no assets.

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